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Low Beta Concept

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Low Beta Concept  
Introduction to Low Beta

Selecting stocks with high dividends and low beta versus the market

Lower Beta Outperforms Higher Peers\*

The beta of a stock is defined as the tendency of a stock's returns to respond to overall market movements. By definition, the market has a beta of 1.0 and individual stocks are ranked according to how much they deviate from the market. A stock's beta is less than 1.0 if it moves less than the market. Empirical evidence shows that lower beta assets may tend to outperform their higher beta peers, with lower volatility.

May Lead to High Average Return, Small Drawdowns

Low-beta portfolios offer a combination of high average returns and smaller draw-downs. This is contradictory to the fundamental principle of risk: high risk is compensated by higher expected returns

High Dividend

Selecting constituents based on trailing dividend yield offers a simple value investing technique

\*See for Example:

Black, F., 1993, "Beta and Return", Journal of Portfolio Management, 20, 8-18.  
Campbell, J., and Vuolteenaho, T., 2004, "Bad Beta, Good Beta", The American Economic Review, 94, 1249-1275.

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Low Beta Portfolio

Why may Investors be better off Investing in Low Beta Stocks?

Irrational behavior flaws: The reason why the Low Beta effect may have not been priced in

The lottery ticket effect

-- Risk seeking investor, looking to get rich quickly, may overpay for a few risky stocks that are perceived to be similar to lottery tickets Attention bias

-- Stocks of companies which are in the news generate attention and may tend to experience heightened volatility Representativeness

-- The average investor may ignore a low probability of success and may buy high beta stocks in the hope of riding the next big wave Overconfidence

-- Investors may tend to be over confident in their ability to select the few big winners, especially if they have successfully picked winners in the past The Winner's Curse

-- With asymmetric information, the highest bidding buyer may pay more for a stock than its true intrinsic value

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STOXX Europe Low Beta High Div 50 Index

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STOXX Europe Low Beta High Div 50 Index

The Index is owned and calculated by STOXX

Overview

[] The STOXX Europe Low Beta High Div 50 Index aims to select the stocks of 50 companies from the STOXX Europe 600 Index which have a 12-month net dividend yield higher than the EURO STOXX 50 Index and the lowest 12-month beta to the EURO STOXX 50 Index.

[] However, from each country, a maximum of eight stocks can be selected.

[] Once the 50 stocks have been selected, the stocks are weighted according to their 3-month average daily trading volume, with the weight of any stock being capped at 5% of the Index. STOXX as Index Sponsor

-- In order to create an index that is fully transparent, rules-based and accessible, DB partnered with STOXX to create the Index. STOXX acts as the Index Sponsor (i.e. owner) and Calculation Agent of the Index

-- This makes the Index publicly available as any other STOXX Index, with rules, compositions, and other related announcements easily accessible from the STOXX website

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STOXX Europe Low Beta High Div 50 Index  
Performance vs. the common benchmarks

-- As shown below, the Index has shown higher returns and lower volatility than the benchmarks over certain time periods during 11 years of backtesting

-- The Index has also shown lower maximum drawdowns than the benchmarks

-- The beta to the EURO STOXX 50 Index is about 55% over the past 11 years

Performance

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Return statistics

STOXX Europe Low Beta High

STOXX Europe (PR) 50 Index (PR) 600 Index (PR) IRR since inception	6.75%	2.07%	4.30%	YTD return
6.06%	0.21%	2.35%	1-month return	-2.48%
-2.59%	-0.56%	1 year return	18.79%	12.55%
26.67%	Worst day	-8.01%	-7.88%	-7.62%
-42.56%	-60.29%	-60.54%	Annualized Volatility	14.36%
0.47	0.09	0.23	Beta	100.00%
87.44%	91.13%		55.65%	68.81%
			Correlation	100.00%

Notes: Data from 23 December 2002 to 31 July 2014. Source: Bloomberg, STOXX and Deutsche Bank.

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STOXX Europe Low Beta High Div 50 Index  
Performance vs. the common benchmarks cont.

-- During the sharp market downturn of 2008 the Index didn't fall as much as the benchmarks, nor did it significantly lag behind the benchmarks during the rebound and positive performance of 2009

Calendar month performance (lowest 10(th) percentile highlighted in red, live performance in orange)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year	EURO STOXX 50 Index (PR)
2003	-4.9%	-3.4%	0.1%	7.8%	0.2%	0.6%	1.6%	2.6%	-1.5%	3.2%	2.0%	2.2%	10.4%	15.7
2004	2.2%	3.0%	-0.8%	0.7%	-1.1%	2.9%	-0.8%	0.8%	4.0%	1.6%	5.0%	1.9%	21.0%	6.
2005	1.7%	4.1%	-0.4%	-0.9%	3.5%	4.0%	2.1%	2.7%	3.7%	-3.8%	3.8%	4.7%	27.7%	21.3
2006	1.4%	4.3%	1.8%	-2.6%	-5.2%	0.9%	2.2%	3.7%	2.9%	3.9%	1.0%	4.0%	19.3%	15.1
2007	3.0%	-2.0%	3.0%	2.3%	0.8%	-1.1%	-3.5%	0.4%	1.4%	3.8%	-1.8%	-1.2%	4.9%	6.
2008	-8.6%	-1.6%	-4.8%	3.7%	0.1%	-10.1%	-0.7%	3.3%	-5.4%	-8.6%	-2.5%	-2.7%	-32.7%	-44.4
2009	0.0%	-5.7%	-1.3%	3.0%	2.3%	0.8%	6.3%	3.1%	4.3%	-0.4%	0.2%	6.2%	20.0%	21.1
2010	-2.5%	-1.2%	4.4%	-3.4%	-4.7%	0.5%	3.8%	0.8%	1.3%	3.3%	-5.1%	2.9%	-0.6%	-5.
2011	0.0%	1.9%	-2.5%	1.8%	0.9%	-3.7%	-2.1%	-7.7%	0.5%	3.5%	-1.5%	1.7%	-7.4%	-17.1
2012	-0.8%	3.1%	0.2%	-2.9%	-4.5%	5.3%	2.9%	2.4%	-0.8%	-1.7%	1.2%	0.0%	4.2%	13.8
2013	3.8%	-0.8%	2.7%	2.6%	-1.2%	-3.1%	5.0%	-0.2%	4.9%	3.8%	0.3%	2.7%	22.1%	17.9
2014	-1.4%	5.2%	0.7%	0.9%	2.6%	0.4%	-2.5%						6.1%	0.2

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Annual Returns

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Volatility Analysis

-- We consider the 1-year (252-day) rolling window volatility vs. the common benchmarks

-- The Index has shown lower volatility than the respective benchmarks over multiple time periods during 11 years of backtesting

252d rolling volatility

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STOXX Europe Low Beta High Div 50 Index  
Performance vs. similar style benchmark

-- The net total return of the Index (i.e. dividend reinvestment after the deduction of withholding tax) is slightly worse than the benchmark SandP Europe 350 Low Vol, but the performance is similar on a risk-adjusted return basis (i.e. Sharpe Ratio)

-- As the SandP Europe 350 Low Vol is using a volatility weighting mechanism, without controlling for the liquidity explicitly, it may allocate large weights to illiquid companies causing market impact and making it difficult to write options on the Index.

Performance

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Return statistics

STOXX Europe

STOXX Europe 50 Index	Low Beta High Div 50 Index	SandP Europe 350 Low Vol	SandP Europe 350 Div
10.72%	12.95%	7.87%	9.51%
-2.09%	-3.36%	-2.37%	3.28%
15.37%	17.67%	3 year return	4.06%
10.33%	9.94%	6.78%	1-month return
14.36%	17.61%	15.16%	1 year return
66.97%	78.25%	Correlation	100.00%
		100.00%	82.10%
		82.10%	82.49%

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STOXX Europe Low Beta High Div 50 Index  
Performance vs. similar style benchmark cont.

-- The Index has shown slightly better performance than the style benchmarks in 2013 and 2014 Annual Returns

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Sector allocation analysis

-- Large allocation to non-cyclical sectors

-- Large allocation to high dividend paying sectors such as utilities

Average since inception

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Year by year (selections in end of November)

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Country allocation analysis

-- Largest allocation to UK stocks (driven by large, defensive companies -- utilities)

-- Side effect is some currency exposure to the UK pound sterling\*

Average over 10 years

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Year by year (selections in end of November)

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\* The Index is in Euro and does not implement any FX hedging algorithm  
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Country and sector allocation analysis over the financial crisis  
November 2007 -- March 2009

Average exposure to financial sector over the financial crisis period

STOXX Europe Low Beta High Div 50 Index (PR) (19.47%)

Stock Country Weight

Zurich Insurance Group Switzerland 3.33% Muenchener Rueckver AG Germany 3.33%  
Swiss Reinsurance Co Switzerland 2.80% Mediobanca SpA Italy 1.98% Assicurazioni  
Generali SpA Italy 1.67%

EURO STOXX 50 Index (PR) (30.12%)

Stock Country Weight

Banco Santander SA Spain 3.99% BNP Paribas France 2.75% Allianz SE Germany  
2.64% Unicredit SpA Italy 2.61% Banco Bilbao Spain 2.43%

Average sector exposure over the financial crisis period

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Average country exposure over financial the crisis period

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Country and sector allocation analysis over the Euro crisis  
February 2011 -- May 2012

Average exposure to peripheral countries\* over the Euro crisis period

STOXX Europe Low Beta High Div 50 Index (PR) (7.93%)

Stock Country Weight

Parmalat SpA Italy 2.52% Snam SpA Italy 2.35% Terna SpA Italy 1.93% Red  
Electrica Corp Spain 1.49% Indra Sistemas Spain 1.14%

EURO STOXX 50 Index (PR) (23.29%)

Stock Country Weight

Telefonica SA Spain 3.87% Banco Santander SA Spain 2.71% ENI SpA Italy 2.68%  
Banco Bilbao Spain 2.23% Enel SpA Italy 2.20%

Average sector exposure over the Euro crisis period

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Average country exposure over the Euro crisis period

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\*Peripherals: Portugal, Spain, Greece, Italy and Ireland

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Portfolio construction

The Index composition is reviewed on an annual basis and rebalanced on a quarterly basis Rules-based process (see STOXX website for Index Documentation and full Index rules)

As of the selection date (end of November each year)

1. Take the current composition of the STOXX Europe 600
2. Filter away stocks that don't have one year available price history
3. Filter away stocks that have less than [ ]5 million in average daily trading volume over the last 3 months
4. Calculate the one year dividend yield for both the individual stocks and for EURO STOXX 50 Index
5. Filter away stocks that have a dividend yield lower than the EURO STOXX 50 Index
6. Calculate the one year beta based on daily price returns versus the EURO STOXX 50 Index
7. Sort the stocks according to the derived beta, keep the 50 names with lowest betas (subject to a maximum of 8 stocks per country)
8. Give each stock a weight according to its 3 months ADTV divided by the sum of 3 months ADTV for the 50 selected stocks (i.e. liquidity weighted)
9. Cap the weight of any component stock at 5%, allocating the excess weight pro-rata among remaining stocks (still subject to the cap of 5%, so this has to be done iteratively)
10. Apply the new composition on the rebalancing date(s), which is normally the Monday following the third Friday in December 11. Step 8 to 10 are repeated on a quarterly basis (i.e. not changing the composition, just adjusting weights to reflect current relative liquidity)

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Key Risk Factors

Prospective investors should be aware of the following Key Risks

[] Before investing in any financial product linked to the Index, prospective investors should carefully consider the following key risk factors as well as the matters set forth in the relevant disclosure documents, including the risk disclosure for such investment.

[] The Index aims to select 50 companies from the STOXX Europe 600 Index, which have 12-month net dividend yields higher than the EURO STOXX 50 Index and the lowest 12-month betas to the same index. The beta and dividend yield of each component stock are computed on the basis of past values and may change after such component stock is included in the Index. There is no assurance that the future performance of the Index will show a lower beta or higher dividend yield than the STOXX

Europe 600 Index or EURO STOXX 50 Index. If the Index strategy is not successful, the return on your investment may be adversely affected.

[] There is no assurance that the Index will outperform the STOXX Europe 600 Index or EURO STOXX 50 Index. Even if the Index does outperform the benchmark indices, the level of the Index may decline, in which case, you may lose some or all of your investment.

[] Calculation of the Index began on March 13, 2014. Therefore, the Index has a very limited performance history and no actual investment which allowed tracking of the performance of the Index was possible before March 13, 2014.

[] All prospective investors should be aware that the Index methodology was designed, constructed and tested using historic market data and based on knowledge of factors that may have affected its performance. The returns prior to March 13, 2014 were achieved by means of a retroactive application of the back-tested Index methodology designed with the benefit of hindsight. The historical levels of the Index should not be taken as an indication of future performance.

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